

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

Well, I hope you've had a wonderful summer! While fall doesn't officially begin until **September 22nd**, students and teachers are down to the last few days of their break. Our Adult Sunday School curricula has been focused for a few weeks on the wonderful book of Joshua. Joshua is the 7th book we begin as we are reading and preaching chronologically through the Scriptures.

We're scheduled to complete the book on **August 11th**. Joshua is told in **1:7** to, "**be strong and very courageous,**" but even more than strength and courage Joshua's greatest lesson seems to be supernatural **FAITH!** **Hebrews 11:30-31** proclaims, "**By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.**"

It never fails to amaze me that God leads us to certain Scriptures for church focus at just the time they are needed in our lives. During the month of August, we will hear the details about funding our sanctuary and fellowship hall remodel. We have a great testimony of financial integrity, paying our bills on time and paying things off early. Will you be praying about what special commitments you can make toward our building campaign? We've already received several designated gifts.

On Sunday, **August 30th**, we will receive commitment cards with your pledges over the next three years (through **August 2029**). There is, no doubt, an amount that you are confident that you can do. I'm asking you to join me in looking through that lens of faith as Joshua did when he faced Jericho and as Rahab did as she hid the spies. There is something we can do, but more importantly, let's ask what God can do through us!

Forward. Together. In Faith.

Love,
Pastor Chris

DEACON ELECTION

The Bible presents a clear and beautiful picture of pastors and deacons working together for the good of the church and community. New Friendship has twelve deacons serving 3-year terms. They are staggered so that four deacons rotate off each year.

Thank You to Alan Morrison, Butch Motsinger, Daved Roberts and Terry Saintsing as they complete their service this month. Eight other men will remain active: Steve Cook, Scott Dagenhardt, Bill Gerrard and Jack Hutchins until 2027; John Davis, Chuck Moorefield, Bobby Whitehurst and Bob Wilkinson until 2028.

Please consider the biblical qualifications (**1 Timothy 3:8-13, Titus 1:6-9**) for those serving as deacons and pray that God will provide direction as we approach this critical ballot on Sunday, **August 23rd**, during the 10:30AM service.

SERVE NC - AUGUST 1ST THROUGH 9TH

ServeNC is just around the corner, **August 1st-15th!** This is an annual **statewide, church-wide, Missions Week** to serve our community. Listed below are projects New Friendship has planned and how you can help:

- **Saturday, August 1st, 9AM-12PM:** Pack backpacks and pencil boxes with school supplies in the fellowship hall to be distributed in some of Winston-Salem's project housing communities by **On Wings Like A Dove** and **MissionCenterNC**.

Items needed: pencil boxes, Crayola crayons 24/box and Elmers glue sticks. Other school supplies will be provided.

We will also be collecting silverware, small pots/pans and cooking utensils to be donated to **MissionCenterNC** and **Greater Vision Outreach Ministries**.

- **Saturday, August 1st, 9AM-12PM:** Pack dog and cat food in gallon ziplock bags for Senior Services Meals on Wheels clients.

Items needed: ziplock bags, large bags of dog and cat food. Small cans are also acceptable.

- **Sunday, August 9th, Community wide Cruise-in 5PM to 7 PM: Wear your white ServeNC or yellow "One of the Bunch" t-shirts** as we serve our community with free hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream. A Prayer Tent will also be available this year.

- **Saturday, August 15th, 9AM to 12PM: Greater Vision Outreach Ministry, Baptist Children's Home Community, Thomasville.** We will help sort food, clothing, housewares, furniture and linens.

Donations of silverware, pots/pans and cooking utensils are needed.

Sign-up sheets for each of these service projects will be available on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office and in the sanctuary entrance. Let's show God's love by being His hands and feet in and around our community. If you can't serve, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Mark your envelope "ServeNC". Plastic bins will be provided across from the secretary's office and in the Sanctuary entrance for donations.

CELEBRATING OUR BI-CENTENNIAL

Mark these special dates and guests so you don't miss out on anything:

9/13/26 9:15AM combined Adult / Youth SS to kick-off Fall Revival with Austin Decker

9/13/26 10:30AM Fall Revival with Dr. Danny Akin

9/13/26 6PM Fall Revival with Pastor Rob Decker

9/14/26 7PM Fall Revival with Pastor Nick Decker

9/15/26 7PM Fall Revival with Pastor Zack Decker

9/16/26 7PM Fall Revival with Pastor Matt Smith

9/20/26 10:30AM Homecoming with Todd Unzicker, BSCNC Executive Director

10/4/26 10:30AM Music with Justin Branch / Jake Burnette Preaching

1/31/27 10:30AM Dr. Hershael York Preaching

2/28/27 10:30AM Student Pastor Tyler Shepherd Preaching

2/28/27 6PM Student Pastor Zachary Combs Preaching

9/12th - 15th/27 Fall Revival with Pastor Ronjour Locke Preaching

9/19/27 10:30AM Homecoming with Pastor Michael Rakes Preaching

SERVE NC

Reminder: ServeNC time is here. Please sign up to help with preparing backpacks with school supplies; filling pencil boxes with school supplies, bagging cat and dog food for Senior Services Meals on Wheels recipients; working at our Cruise-in; and helping at Greater Vision Outreach Ministries. Let's show our community and beyond the **"Love of Jesus"!**

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The morning WMU will meet on Monday, **August 10th**, at 10:30AM and the "After Hours" WMU will meet at 6PM. Watch your bulletin for more details. Everyone is encouraged to participate in all of the ServeNC projects and activities **August 1st, 9th,** and **15th**. Sign up sheets are available or contact Linda Spiva or Pat White for more information.

PRAY FOR THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

The church is referenced as the Bride of Christ twice in the Book of Revelation. The Deacons are inviting you to join them on the first Sunday of the month for a focused time of prayer for our church. Our next meeting is Sunday, **August 2nd** at 8:15AM.

SENIOR ADULTS TO MABRY MILL

Due to more activities being available at Mabry Mill on Sunday, **August 16th**, we will be changing the date of the trip by recommendation from the park ranger. The bus will be leaving the church parking lot by 12:15PM and we will be providing bag lunches for each in attendance. Everyone must be signed up by Friday, **August 14th**, so we know how many lunches to prepare. The blacksmith shop, mill and cabin will be open and staffed as well as a live band at 2PM. Bring lawn chairs (and umbrellas for shade) to enjoy the concert! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

CHURCHWIDE END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

NFBC will enjoy a churchwide end of summer celebration on Sunday, **August 16th**. Julie Hart has reserved the Wallburg Pool. There is a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board so that we know how many to plan for as far as food is concerned and number of lifeguards needed. See Carla Arrowood or Julie Hart with questions.

SENIOR ADULT QR CODE

This is a new venture for the Senior Adult Committee. They will be sharing this code in the bulletin and newsletter so that you can use it to sign up for all upcoming events. See Cyndi or Kathy with questions!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

The decision was made in church conference to **suspend** Sunday evening services through June, July & August. Special events throughout the summer are being planned. Our normal schedule resumes Sunday, **September 13th**, with our Fall Revival!

LIGHT ON A HILL PROGRAM



Through the Museum of the Bible's **Light on a Hill Program**, NFBC is able to offer a **free** one-year membership that includes free admission at their Washington, DC campus as well as online resources. Scan this QR code to claim your free membership!

DINNER "N" DUDES

SAVE THE DATE: Calling all **men** for Dinner "n" Dudes on Saturday, **September 26th**, from 5PM to 7PM. More info coming soon.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, **October 25th** from 5PM to - 7PM. We are now collecting candy! A tote has been placed outside of the church office for your donations!

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

... to Todd Perryman, Angela Perryman, Ricky Perryman and Brandon Perryman in the passing of Robin Brown on **July 5th**.

.. to Pat White and her family in the passing of Carl "Bud" White on **July 13th**.

... to Kenny and Pam Miller in the passing of Travis Miller on **July 13th**.

2026 At -a - Glance

September 9th - Senior Adult Committee Meeting (12PM)

September 9th - Wednesday Night Suppers Resume (6PM)

September 12th - Senior Adults to Barn Dinner Theater (11AM)

September 26th - Dinner "n" Dudes (5PM to 7PM)

September ? - Senior Adult Apple Orchard Trip and Lunch in Cana, VA

September 13th to 16th - Fall Revival

September 20th - Homecoming

November 8th - NFBC Concert Series - The Siler Family

November 11th - Senior Adult Committee Meeting (12PM)

December 5th - Christmas Caroling (3:30PM)

December 7th - Christmas with a Capital "C" (6PM)

December 12th - NFBC Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon (12PM)

<u>July Numbers</u>	2026	2025
Sunday School Average:	129	126
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	169	162
General Offering:	\$55,929	\$40,192
Building Fund	\$7,420	

Christmas with a "Capital C" is self-supporting. You can contribute any time using an offering envelope. All donations are appreciated.

If you need to reserve the building or the bus for any reason, please call the church office at 336-788-3112 or email us at newfriendship@icloud.com as soon as you know about your event so that we can keep the calendar organized. If you have information that needs to be put in the bulletin, please have that to the church office by **10AM on Thursday mornings**. If you have information that needs to be put in the monthly newsletter, please have this information to the church office by the **20th of each month**.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday (8AM to 1PM)

